ust as the aria is the heart of an opera, support for performance has been the core of the Opera-Musical Theater Program. On American stages from Philadelphia to Santa Fe, opera and musical theater combine the spectacle of drama, the grandeur of costuming and sets, and the power of the human voice to engage audiences of all ages. The mission of the Endowment's Opera-Musical Theater Program has been to support that artistic excellence and provide opportunities for more people to learn and enjoy these artforms. Grants were made through four major categories: Professional Opera-Musical Theater Companies, New American Works, Professional Artist Development, and Services to the Field.

The largest of these categories, Professional Companies, went to help underwrite the tremendous costs in mounting seasons of opera and musical theater. The Pittsburgh Opera, for example, received funding for a season which included *Aida*, *Cosi fan tutte*, and *Pagliacci*, as well as its professional training program, the Pittsburgh Opera Center at Duquesne University. Across the country, the Western Opera Theater received support to tour *Rigoletto* in 45 venues in a six-state tour, and the New York City Opera went to 27 states with *La Traviata* through Endowment support. The American Music Theater Festival in Philadelphia received funds for world premieres of *Lulu Noire* by Jon Faddis and Lee Breuer, and *Black Water* by John Duffy and Joyce Carol Oates, and in rural Virgina, Lime Kiln Arts produced four original musicals based on the folktales of the region.

The New American Works category functioned as a research and development fund for opera and musical theaters written by American composers and librettists

and performed by American companies. In the past, works such as *The Voyage* by Philip Glass and David Henry Hwang and John Corgliano's *The Ghosts of Versailles* first received Endowment support and went on to acclaim. The roster of 1995 grants includes works in development such *Amistad* by composer Anthony Davis and librettist Thulani Davis at the Lyric Opera of Chicago. At the Minnesota Opera Company, composer Evan Chen's *Bok Choy Variations* is in development, and *The Wonderful O*, a musical based on



Don Chastain,

Cass Morgan,

Rudy Roberson and

Theresa McCarthy
in Playwrights

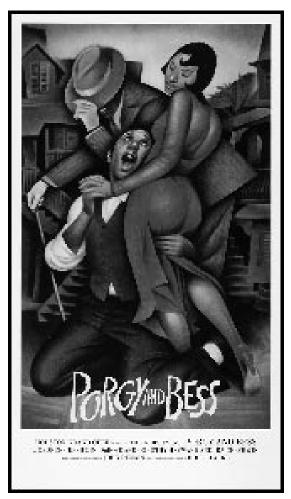
Horizons' premiere
of the musical

"Floyd Collins."

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a James Thurber novel, written by Will Osborne with music and lyrics by Randy Courts is in the final stages at the American Music Theater Festival.

Training for the next generation of musical theater and opera theaters came through grants to 12 companies from the Glimmerglass Opera in Cooperstown, New York to the New Music-Theater Ensemble in Minneapolis, Minnesota. A grant went to the San Francisco Opera Center's Adler Fellowship Program which provides intensive training to nine singers, including supporting roles in the Company's International Season. Past participants in the program have included



The marquee poster from Houston Grand
Opera's production
of Gershwin's
American classic
"Porgy and Bess."

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singers Craig Estep, Maria Fortuna, and Susan Patterson.

The Services to the Field Category supports a wide range of activity not covered under the basic program guidelines. Grants were awarded in 1995 for projects such as the 1995 Festival of New Musicals, the fellowship program run by OPERA America, and the video taping of live musical theater performances for the Theater on Film and Tape Library housed at the New York Public Library, a collection of over 2,800 American musical theater productions available to theater professionals, researchers, and the public.

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\$8,000

185 awards \$5,057,000

New American Works

Grants enabled individual producers and organizations to create, develop, rehearse and produce new American opera or musical theater works, to encourage their introduction into the standard repertory, and to make audiences more aware and appreciative of new works.

\$612,000 53 grants

American Music Theater Festival, Inc.

Philadelphia, PA \$35,000

To support the testing/revision and rehearsal and production of Looking for Sister Noblues/ The Reunion by composer Geri Allen and writer Hattie Gossett.

American Music Theater Festival, Inc.

Philadelphia, PA \$25,000

To support the rehearsal and production of The Wonderful O, adapted from the James Thurber novel by Will Osborne, with music and lyrics by Randy Courts.

American Music Theater Festival, Inc.

Philadelphia, PA \$17,000

To support the developmental program, which includes AMTF's Independence Resident Ensemble Project and Spelvin's Cafe.

American Music Theater Festival, Inc.

\$5,000 Philadelphia, PA

To support the creation of Across the Dreaming Line composed by John Hodian with libretto by Beth Williams.

American Opera Projects, Inc.

New York, NY \$8,000

To support the rehearsal and production of Memoirs of Uliana Rooney by composer Vivian Fine and librettist/ filmmaker Sonja Friedman.

Botti, Susan

\$9,000 New York, NY

To support the creation of Telaio: Desdemona by composer/ librettist/bookwriter Susan Botti.

Burns, Donna Lynn

New York, NY \$8,000

To support the creation of Storm Warning by composer Donna Lynn Burns, librettist/ lyricist Saundra McClain, and orchestrator Timothy Graphenreed.

Carnelia, Craig

New York, NY

To support the creation of Actor, Lawyer, Indian Chief by composer/lyricist Craig Carnelia.

Carter, Chandler

New York, NY \$10,000

To support the creation of Supper at Emmaus by composer/ librettist Chandler Carter.

Cole, Stephen

\$5,000 New York, NY

To support the creation of The Night of the Hunter by librettist/ lyricist Stephen Cole and composer Claibe Richardson.

Cumberland County Playhouse, Inc.

Crossville, TN \$12,000

To support the creation and testing/revision of Spirit of the Mountains, based on the life and writings of Emma Bell Miles.

Drummond, Dean

\$12,000 Upper Nyack, NY

To support the creation of Cafe Buffe by composer Dean Drummond and poet/librettist Charles Bernstein.

Emerald City Arts

Seattle, WA

To support the creation of Night Passage by composer Robert Mora and librettist James Skofield.

Eugene O'Neill Memorial Theater Center, Inc.

Waterford, CT \$13,000

To support the 1995 National Music Theater Conference at the Eugene O'Neill Memorial Theater Center.

Fleischmann, Stephanie Ann

Brooklyn, NY

\$10,000

\$9,000

To support the creation of FarSea Pharisee by librettist/lyricist Stephanie Fleischmann and composer Miki Navazio.

Foley, Peter

Brooklyn, NY \$10,000

To support the creation of *The* Masters by author/composer Peter Foley based on a short story by Ursula K. Le Guin.

Goodspeed Opera House Foundation, Inc.

East Haddam, CT \$7,500

To support the creation of Summer by composer Paul Schwartz and playwright/ lyricist Erik Haagensen based on the novel by Edith Wharton.

Goodspeed Opera House Foundation, Inc.

East Haddam, CT \$21,000

To support the new works development program.

Griffiths, Wendy E.

New York, NY \$5,000

To support the creation of The Quiet American by composer/ librettist Wendy Griffiths.

Harvestworks, Inc.

New York, NY \$5,000

To support the creation of Jerry by composer/librettist Shelley Hirsch.

Hegarty, James

\$8,000 Elgin, IL

To support the testing/revision of PeaceOpera by James Hegarty.

House Foundation for the Arts, Inc.

New York, NY \$26,000

To support the creation and testing/revision of America Archeology #2, #3 and #4 by Meredith Monk.

Hwang, Jason

Jersey City, NJ \$10,000

To support the creation of Immigrant of the Womb by composer Jason Hwang.

Kings Majestic Corporation

Brooklyn, NY

To support the revision, rehearsal and production of *The* Outcast by composer Noa Ain.

Lyric Opera of Chicago

Chicago, IL \$14,000

To support the testing/revision of *Amistad* by composer Anthony Davis and librettist Thulani Davis

Manhattan Theatre Club, Inc.

New York, NY \$5,000

To support the general operation and development of the musical theater program.

Mankin, Nina

New York, NY \$8,000

To support the creation and testing/revision of The Two Orphans by composer/lyricist Nina Mankin, composer Mark Bennett and bookwriter Theresa Rebeck.

Minnesota Opera Company

Minneapolis, MN

To support the rehearsal and production of Bok Choy Variations by composer Evan Chen.

Minnesota Opera Company

Minneapolis, MN \$35,000

To support the rehearsal and production of Transatlantic by composer George Antheil.

Mount Vernon College

Washington, DC \$5,000

To support the rehearsal and production of Full Moon in March by composer John Harbison, adapted from the libretto of the play by W.B. Yeats.

Music-Theatre Group, Inc. New York, NY \$10,000

To support the testing/revision of Extraordinary Measures by composer William Harper.

Music-Theatre Group, Inc. New York, NY \$5,000

To support the creation of You Don't Miss Water by poet Corneliu Eady, composer/ cellist Diedre Murray, and

designer Michael Chybowski.

Musical Traditions

San Francisco, CA \$15,000

To support the creation and testing/revision of The Strange Last Voyage of Donald Crowhurst by composer Steve Mackey.

New Music-Theater Ensemble

Minneapolis, MN \$5,000

To support the creation and development program of new American opera and other forms of music theater.

New Music-Theater Ensemble

Minneapolis, MN \$5,000

To support the creation and revision of Wanderlust, created collaboratively between writer Denise Lanctot, and composer Kitty Brazelton.

Opera Theatre of Saint Louis

St. Louis, MO \$10,000

To support the rehearsal and production of The Thunder of Horses by composer Cary John Franklin and librettist Michael Albano.

Pen, Polly

\$10,000 New York, NY

To support the creation of Bed and Sofa by composer Polly Pen and librettist Laurence Klavan.

Playwrights Horizons, Inc.

New York, NY \$19,500

To support the musical theater development program.

Playwrights Horizons, Inc.

New York, NY

To support the production of Floyd Collins by composer/ lyricist Adam Guettel and book, additional lyrics, and direction by Tina Landau.

Redwood Cultural Work, Inc. Oakland, CA \$10,000

To support the creation and the testing/revision of Way Past Cool by composer Jeff Langley and librettist Kathleen Masterson.

Rhode Island Black Heritage Society

\$15,000 Providence, RI

To support the rehearsal and production of Anybody Seen Marie LaVeau? by playwright Aishah Rahman

Rosen, Louis

\$10,000 Brooklyn, NY

To support the creation of The South Side by composer/ lyricist Louis Rosen.

St. Ann Center for Restoration

Brooklyn, NY \$10,000

To support the creation and testing/revision of Petrarch's Air by librettist Ronald Jones and composer Todd Levin.

Santa Fe Opera Association

Santa Fe, NM

\$20,000

To support the creation and testing/revision of Emmeline by composer Tobias Picker.

Santa Fe Opera Association \$7,000

Santa Fe, NM

To support creative artist fees for the creation of Ashoka's Dream by composer Peter Lieberson and librettist Douglas Penick.

Schorr, Eric D.

New York, NY

Charles Leipart.

\$5,000

To support the creation of *The* Doctor's Wife by composer Eric Schorr and lyricist/bookwriter

\$10,000

Shadow Box Theatre, Inc.

New York, NY

To support the rehearsal and production of The Earth and Me by Sandra Robbins.

Theatre Building Performance Community

\$5,000 Chicago, IL

To support development of the introductory workshop for the New Tuners Theatre.

Theatreworks/USA Corporation

\$8,000 New York, NY

To support the collaborative workshop.

Triangle Opera Theater

\$10,000 Durham, NC

To support the creation of Luyala by composer Dr. Ysaye Barnwell and librettist Penelope Bridgers.

Vivian Beaumont Theater, Inc.

\$15,000 New York, NY

To support the musical theater development program.

Wargo, Richard

\$10,000 Scranton, PA

To support the creation of Ballymore by composer and librettist Richard Wargo.

Zimet, Paul

New York, NY \$7,000

To support the creation of Actaeon by librettist Paul Zimet and composers Dan Froot. Harry Mann, and Ellen Maddow.

Professional Artist Development

Grants support opera and musical theater organizations devoted to career development and professional performance training of creative artists.

12 grants \$136,000

Central City Opera **House Association**

\$10,000 Denver, CO

To support the 1995 training program.

Collaborative-Arts Project 21, Inc.

\$13,000 New York, NY

To support the company's advanced training program.

Glimmerglass Opera, Inc.

Cooperstown, NY \$12,000

To support the training program.

Houston Grand Opera Association, Inc.

\$18,000 Houston, TX

To support the professional training program.

Juilliard School

New York, NY \$5,000

To support the Opera Center's Young Artist Training Program.

Lehman Engel **Musical Theatre Workshop**

\$7,500 Los Angeles, CA

To support programs for writers and composers.

Metropolitan Opera Association, Inc.

New York, NY \$14,500

To support the Young Artist Development Program.

New Music-Theater Ensemble

\$7,500 Minneapolis, MN

To support the training program for writers, composers, performers, and stage directors.

San Francisco **Opera Association**

San Francisco, CA \$18,000

To support the Kurt Herbert Adler Fellowship Program.

Sarasota Opera Association, Inc.

Sarasota, FL \$13,000

To support training for young American singers.

Theatre Building **Performance Community**

Chicago, IL \$5,000

To support the New Tuners professional musical theater training program for writers, composers, and performers.

Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts

Vienna. VA \$19 500

To support training for young singers.

Professional Companies

Grants supported nonprofit professional opera and musical theater companies for resident production seasons or, where noted, for touring.

\$4,010,200 106 grants **Program Funds** \$1,735,200 Treasury Funds \$2,275,000

Amalgamated Producers, Playwrights, Lyricists, and Entertainers, Inc.

Louisville, KY \$7.000 To support touring of original

musical theater works.

Theater Festival, Inc. \$19,310 Philadelphia, PA \$18,290 TF

American Repertory Theatre Cambridge, MA \$20,000

Appalshop, Inc.

American Music

Whitesburg, KY \$11,400 To support touring expenses.

Arizona Opera Company Phoenix, AZ \$5,000

ArtsPower, Inc.

Ridgewood, NJ \$5,000 To support touring expenses.

Atlanta Civic Opera Association, Inc.

\$12,500 Atlanta, GA

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Augusta Opera Association, Inc.	Des Moines Metro Opera, Inc.	Lake George Opera Festival Association, Inc.	New Federal Theatre, Inc.
Augusta, GA \$5,000	Indianola, IA \$10,500	Glens Falls, NY \$5,000	New York, NY \$5,000
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Austin Lyric Opera	Early Music	Lime Kiln Arts, Inc.	New Jersey June Opera Festival
Austin, TX \$12,000	Foundation, Inc.	Lexington, VA \$5,000	Princeton Ict., NJ \$5,000
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Black Ensemble Theater	To support the 1995-96 tours	Long Beach Opera	New Music-
Chicago, IL \$7,500	of Daniel and the Lions and The	Long Beach, CA \$12,000	Theater Ensemble
	Raising of Lazarus/The Conver-		Minneapolis, MN \$10,000
Boston Lyric	sion of St. Paul.	Lyric Opera Cleveland	1
Opera Company		Cleveland, OH \$7,000	New Orleans
Boston, MA \$21,000	East-West Players, Inc.		Opera Association
	Los Angeles, CA \$5,000	Lyric Opera of Chicago	New Orleans, LA \$8,000
Center Stage Associates, Inc.	G G .	Chicago, IL \$51,120	
Baltimore, MD \$7,500	George Coates Performance Co.	\$251,380 TF	New York City Opera, Inc.
Center Theatre Group	San Francisco, CA \$9,400	Lyric Opera of	New York, NY \$52,095
of Los Angeles	5an Trancisco, 6π ψ5, 100	Kansas City, Inc.	\$141,105 TF
Los Angeles, CA \$14,000	George Street	Kansas City, MO \$9,000	Novy Vouls City On one Inc
\$14,000 TF	Playhouse, Inc.	,	New York City Opera, Inc.
	New Brunswick, NJ \$10,000	Measured Breaths	New York, NY \$35,000
Central City Opera	_	Theatre Company, Inc.	To support production
House Association	Glimmerglass Opera, Inc.	New York, NY \$5,000	expenses associated with the
Denver, CO \$8,000	Cooperstown, NY \$16,250	M. P. O	1995-96 National Company tour of <i>La Traviata</i> .
To support the 1995 summer	\$16,250 TF	Metropolitan Opera Association, Inc.	todi or za riavana.
festival season.	Goodspeed Opera	New York, NY \$80,730	New York Gilbert &
Chautauqua Institution	House Foundation, Inc.	\$393,770 TF	Sullivan Players
Chautauqua, NY \$12,500	East Haddam, CT \$28,870		New York, NY \$5,000
Chautauqua, N1 \$12,300	\$78,330 TF	Michigan Opera Theatre	
Chicago Opera Theater		Detroit, MI \$28,500	New York Shakespeare
Chicago, IL \$10,000	Hawaii Opera Theatre	\$28,500 TF	Festival New York, NY \$12,500
CLIL LIN	Honolulu, HI \$15,000	Michigan Opera Theatre	\$12,500 TF
Children's Theater	Hawaii Opera Theatre	Detroit, MI \$9,500	Ψ12,300 II
Company and School Minneapolis, MN \$15,000	Honolulu, HI \$7,000		North Shore Community
willineapons, wiv \$15,000		To support touring expenses.	Arts Foundation, Inc.
Cincinnati Opera Association	To support production expenses associated with the	Milwaukee Florentine	Beverly, MA \$8,000
Cincinnati, OH \$15,000	1995-96 tour of <i>L'Italian in</i>	Opera Company, Inc.	
	Algeri throughout the islands	Milwaukee, WI \$9,500	Odyssey Theatre
Civic Light	of Hawaii.		Foundation
Opera Association		Minnesota Opera Company	Los Angeles, CA \$5,000
Pittsburgh, PA \$12,500 \$12,500 TF	Houston Grand	Minneapolis, MN \$46,620	Opera Association
\$12,500 TF	Opera Association, Inc. Houston, TX \$51,120	\$44,280 TF	of Central Ohio
Coconut Grove Playhouse	\$251,380 TF	Mobile Opera, Inc.	Columbus, OH \$5,000
State Theatre of Florida	#201,000 11	Mobile, AL \$5,000	,,,,,,,
Miami, FL \$5,000	Idris Ackamoor and	φ5,000	Opera Colorado
	Cultural Odyssey	Music Center	Denver, CO \$17,500
Connecticut Opera	San Francisco, CA \$7,500	Opera Association	
Association, Inc. Hartford, CT \$5,000	Iduia Aalramas J	Los Angeles, CA \$31,250	Opera Company
Hartiord, C1 \$5,000	Idris Ackamoor and	\$93,750 TF	of Philadelphia
Cumberland County	Cultural Odyssey San Francisco, CA \$6,500	Music-Theatre Group, Inc.	Philadelphia, PA \$17,000
Playhouse, Inc.		New York, NY \$25,285	Opera Grand Rapids
Crossville, TN \$8,500	To support expenses associated with the 1995-96 tour-	\$24,015 TF	Grand Rapids, MI \$5,000
	ing performances of original	*	элина парио, ни — фэ,000
Dallas Opera	musical theater works.	Musical Traditions	Opera Guild of
Dallas, TX \$30,730		San Francisco, CA \$8,500	Greater Miami, Inc.
\$83,170 TF	International Arts	A	Miami, FL \$35,000
DesMoines Metro	Relations, Inc.	Musical Traditions	\$35,000 TF
Opera, Inc.	New York, NY \$18,000	San Francisco, CA \$10,000	
Indianola, IA \$7,500	Kentucky Opera	To support expenses asso-	Opera Orchestra of New York, Inc.
To support touring to schools		motod puth a tour of opinion	New YORK, INC.
	Association, Inc.	ciated with a tour of original	•
and rural communities.		works by Artistic Director and composer Paul Dresher.	New York, NY \$7,400

Opera Pacific Irvine, CA Opera Theatre of Opera Theatre of Orlando Opera Pittsburgh, PA San Diego **Opera Association** San Francisco, CA

\$16,250 \$16,250 TF

Opera San Jose, Inc. \$15,000 San Jose, CA

Northern Virginia, Ltd. Arlington, VA \$5,000

Saint Louis \$53,870 St. Louis, MO \$53,330 TF

Opera/Omaha, Inc. \$8,000 Omaha, NE

OperaDelaware, Inc. \$15,000 Wilmington, DE

Company, Inc. Orlando, FL \$7,500

Paper Mill Playhouse Millburn, NJ \$49,160 \$46,640 TF

Piedmont Opera Theater, Inc. Winston-Salem, NC \$5,000

Pittsburgh Opera, Inc.

\$24,000

San Diego, CA \$44,125 \$41,875 TF

San Francisco Mime Troupe, Inc.

To support production expenses for the 1995-96 tour of Zanzibar and Ramona.

\$9,770

San Francisco Mime Troupe, Inc. San Francisco, CA \$15,000

San Francisco Opera Association

\$48,500 San Francisco, CA \$246,500 TF

San Jose Civic Light Opera Association, Inc. San Jose, CA \$19,800

Santa Fe Opera Association Santa Fe, NM \$46.380 \$125,620 TF Sarasota Opera Association, Inc. Sarasota, FL \$14,800

Seattle Opera Association, Inc. Seattle, WA

\$38,895 \$105,405 TF

Shreveport Opera Shreveport, LA \$5,030

Spoleto Festival U.S.A. Charleston, SC \$15,000

Summer Opera Theatre Company, Inc. Washington, DC \$5,000

Tennessee Repertory Theatre Trust \$12,000 Nashville, TN

Theatre Under the Stars, Inc. Houston, TX \$13,750 \$13,750 TF

Theatreworks/USA Corporation

New York, NY \$8,900 Theatreworks/USA

Corporation New York, NY \$6.500

To support touring expenses.

Theatrical Outfit, Inc. Atlanta, GA \$5,000

Tulsa Opera, Inc. Tulsa, OK \$12,500 \$12,500 TF

Utah Opera Company Salt Lake City, UT \$7,400

Virginia Opera Association, Inc. Norfolk, VA \$18,000

Vivian Beaumont Theater, Inc. \$22,500 New York, NY

Walnut Street **Theatre Corporation** Philadelphia, PA \$9,000

\$22,500 TF

Washington Opera \$34,090 Washington, DC \$92,410 TF

Western New York Opera Theater, Inc.

Buffalo, NY \$5,000 To support production for the

1995-96 season of the Greater Buffalo Opera Company.

Western Opera Theater, Inc. San Francisco, CA \$35,000

To support expenses for the 1995-96 tour of a new production of Rigoletto.

York Theatre Company, Inc. New York, NY \$5,000

Services to the Field

Grants assist organizations that provide basic services for opera and musical theater companies.

\$198,800 13 grants 1 cooperative agreement \$100,000

American Music Center, Inc. New York, NY \$5,000

To support the opera-musical theater portion of the American Music Center's Library and Information Services.

American Music Center, Inc. New York, NY \$8,000

To support the opera-musical theater portion of the American Music Center's copy assistance program.

American Music Theater Festival, Inc. Philadelphia, PA \$5,000

To support the Philadelphia Coalition for New Opera.

Houston Grand Opera Association, Inc. \$10,000 Houston, TX

To support the current and expanded operations of Houston Grand Opera's Archives and Resource Center.

Jack Faucett and Associates Bethesda, MD \$100,000

A cooperative agreement to administer artistic and administrative evaluations of applicants and grantees to the Opera-Musical Theater Program.

Lyric Opera of Chicago

Chicago, IL \$9,000

To support the Lyric Opera of Chicago's composer-inresidence program.

Meet the Composer, Inc.

New York, NY \$17,500

To support the opera and musical theater components of the Meet the Composer/ New Residencies program.

National Alliance for **Musical Theatre Producers**

\$12.800 New York, NY

To support the 1995 Festival of New Musicals.

National Alliance for **Musical Theatre Producers**

New York, NY To support the Alliance's artistic, management, and information services to its member companies

National Public Radio, Inc.

Washington, DC \$19,500

To support the production and national distribution of several programs of American opera as part of National Public Radio's "World of Opera" series.

New York Public Library Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundation

\$12,000 New York, NY

To support the video taping of live musical theater performances for the Theater on Film and Tape Library.

OPERA America, Inc.

Washington, DC \$50,000

To support OPERA America's informational, technical, and financial services to member companies.

OPERA America, Inc.

Washington, DC \$14,000

To support OPERA America's fellowship program.

Theatre Development Fund, Inc.

New York, NY \$6,000

To support the Theatre Development Fund's ongoing opera-musical theater programs.

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